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**BILL E** 

LLS NO. 10-0162.01 Kristen Forrestal

**HOUSE BILL** 

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### A BILL FOR AN ACT

CONCERNING REQUIRED COVERAGES FOR REPRODUCTIVE SERVICES

102 FOR HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES.

## **Bill Summary**

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not necessarily reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted.)

Health Care Task Force. The bill requires entities issuing individual sickness and accident insurance polices in this state to provide the same coverage for maternity care as is currently mandated for all group sickness and accident insurance policies. The bill also requires both individual and group policies to provide coverage for pregnancy management, including contraceptive counseling, drugs, and devices. The bill excludes abortion procedures and services from pregnancy

1 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado: 2 **SECTION 1.** 10-16-104 (3) (a) (I), Colorado Revised Statutes, is 3 amended to read: 4 10-16-104. Mandatory coverage provisions - definitions. 5 (3) Maternity coverage. (a) (I) All group sickness and accident 6 insurance policies providing coverage within the state and issued to an 7 employer by an entity subject to the provisions of part 2 of this article, 8 and all group health service contracts issued by an entity subject to the 9 provisions of part 3 or 4 of this article and issued to an employer, AND 10 ALL INDIVIDUAL SICKNESS AND ACCIDENT INSURANCE POLICIES ISSUED BY 11 AN ENTITY SUBJECT TO PART 2 OF THIS ARTICLE shall insure against the 12 expense of normal pregnancy and childbirth or provide coverage for 13 maternity care therefor AND PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR PREGNANCY 14 MANAGEMENT, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, CONTRACEPTIVE 15 COUNSELING, DRUGS, AND DEVICES in the same manner as any other 16 sickness, injury, disease, or condition is otherwise covered under the 17 policy or contract. Policies or contracts shall not exclude coverage for 18 pregnancy and delivery expenses on the grounds that pregnancy was a 19 preexisting condition. NOTHING IN THIS SUBPARAGRAPH (I) SHALL BE 20 INTERPRETED TO MANDATE COVERAGE FOR ABORTION PROCEDURES OR 21 SERVICES. 22 SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - specified effective date 23 - applicability. (1) This act shall take effect January 1, 2011; except 24 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V 25 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this

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act within the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly, then the act, item, section, or part shall not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in November, 2010, and shall take effect on January 1, 2011, or on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor, whichever is later.

(2) The provisions of this act shall apply to individual sickness

(2) The provisions of this act shall apply to individual sickness and accident insurance policies issued or renewed on or after the applicable effective date of this act.

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